

## No. 9 - *Gateway Integrated Regional Water Management Region*

### Region Acceptance Process Summary

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#### **General Description of Region**

The Los Angeles Gateway Integrated Regional Water Management (Gateway IRWM) Region is located in Southeast Los Angeles County. The Gateway IRWM Region is contained wholly within the Lower San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and South Bay sub-region of the Greater Los Angeles County IRWM Region.

In 2007, the Gateway Cities formed an official Joint Powers Authority (JPA) under California law to provide governance for the IRWM Plan development. The Gateway IRWM Region boundary is based on the contiguous city boundaries of the JPA members. Signatory JPA members include the Southeast Water Coalition, and the Cities of Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South Gate, Vernon, and Whittier.

#### **Interview Conclusions- Approved**

The Gateway Region is approved to compete in the next round of IRWM grant funding (SBxx1 Funding). Given the physical connection between the Gateway region and the GLAC region, DWR maintains that in order to effectively plan and address regional concerns, such as storm water management, wastewater treatment and recycling, and aging infrastructure, cooperation between the Gateway and GLAC regions on the larger regional scale is imperative. However, continued local and sub-regional planning will be necessary to develop the detailed technical data and needs analysis necessary to support local and regional efforts. DWR's future desired outcome for the Gateway and GLAC regions is the integration of the planning efforts of the two areas into a single regional plan that fosters integration and cooperation and does not result in overlapping and competing planning efforts.